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Small Entity Compliance Guide

Dear General-Category Scallop Permit Holder:

This letter is to inform you that **the Closed Area I Scallop Access Area is closed to general category scallop vessels effective 0001 hours on September 8, 2005.** This action is being taken in accordance with the Atlantic sea scallop regulations at 50 CFR 648.59(b)(5)(ii) to prevent exceeding the general category trip allocations in the CAI Scallop Access Area during the 2005 fishing year.

Therefore, effective as of 001 hours on September 8, 2005, no scallop vessel fishing under the general category may declare their intent to fish in, enter, or fish in the CAI Scallop Access Area.

- Vessels that have declared a trip into the CAI Scallop Access Area under the general category using VMS Codes SCA-SCG-I and have crossed the demarcation line before 0001 hours on September 8, 2005, may finish their trip and retain and land scallops caught from the CAI Scallop Access Area, consistent with existing regulations.

The CAI Scallop Access Area is scheduled to reopen on June 15, 2006, unless the schedule for Scallop Access Areas is modified by the New England Fishery Management Council.

This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

This notice is authorized by the Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.

